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REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 71 and 84-88 are allowed.

Claim 57 is objected to for the reasons noted in the official action, i.e., being a substantial duplicate of claim 84. The above requested cancellation of claim 57 is believed to overcome the raised informality.

Next, claims 60 and 66 are rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Wagner (Journal of Structural Biology, 119, pp. 189-201, 1997). The Applicant acknowledges and respectfully traverses the raised anticipatory rejection in view of the following remarks.

In view of the above cancellation of claims 60 and 66 from this application, the Applicant respectfully submits that further comments concerning the applied prior art of Wagner is not believed necessary. The Applicant also notes the remaining prior art cited in the official action. As none of that additional art is applied by the Examiner against the allowed claims of this application, the Applicant is not providing any comments concerning that art as well.

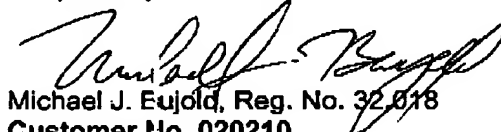
If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,



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